

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Western Congressmen Fight Hard for Appropriation.

TO LOCATE ARTESIAN WELLS

Important Explorations Will Be Conducted This Year In Central Oregon For Artesian Water—Fulton Urging the Work.

ASTORIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 26.—In the fight over the Sundry Civil bill, carrying an appropriation of more than one and a quarter million dollars for the Geological Survey, \$25,000,000 for the Panama canal, and other items aggregating more than \$100,000,000, sharp lines were drawn between eastern and western interests of the country over the first named. The new work of the Geological Survey is largely in the West now. For two generations it has been largely in the East. The fuel testing, experiments to determine if iron ore could be found on the Pacific Coast; measurement of streams for reclamation or power purposes; survey of forest reserves, and mineral researches in general, were nearly entirely eliminated by eastern congressmen while the bill was in the House. This year will see the close of the exhaustive fuel tests conducted in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and the work was just being extended to the extensive lignite and bituminous fields beyond the Mississippi.

When this spirit to trim the Geological Survey was manifested, the Western strength of Congress immediately rallied. It was overwhelmed in the House, but when the bill came to the Senate, all of the recommendations of the Survey were inserted again, and the Senate declared its purpose of standing by this position. The Western strength there was able to equalize conditions, and insist that, merely because the Survey was largely shifting the scene of its operations, it should not be regarded as surplusage and waste.

Hunt Artesian Wells.

Assurance has been given Senator Fulton, of the Oregon delegation, that important explorations will be prosecuted this year in the central part of the state for artesian water, if the provisions outlined by the Geological Survey in its recommendations for an appropriation are carried out. Some time ago the Senator sought to have the heart of the arid region explored by means of funds from the Reclamation Service, putting the boring on the same basis as emponding surface waters, but was informed that this use had been construed as forbidden. Then he directed his efforts to securing an appropriation for the work in the hydrographic department of the Geological Survey, and was told that if the \$200,000 asked for stream measuring and underground water investigations, carried through both houses, there would be sufficient funds for an exhaustive survey in Central Oregon. With this assurance, he began an active campaign with other Western men to keep all of the Survey appropriations for Western work, up to the standard and had no difficulty of attaining this end in the Senate.

The great plateau-desert to the north of Summer lake is believed to overlie a strong system of underground water currents, the most conspicuous indication being Anna river, which flows into

Summer lake. The formation sets right for artesian strata, and the mammoth springs forming Anna river indicate that the water currents have great strength. This summer, if the appropriation provides for the work, the Survey intends to send a party to the district, for a careful geological reconnaissance, such as preceded important artesian discoveries in South Dakota and other Western communities. If the strata carrying Anna river can be tapped at reasonable depth, or the survey of the geologists indicate that the plateau-desert has promise of artesian water, it is believed that borings would be made by private capital, as the soil is rich when watered.

In presenting the cause of the West for continuance of general Geological Survey work there, Senator Fulton dwelt upon the fact that the mountain streams and rivers of Oregon offered more abundant and enduring energy than the coal fields of Pennsylvania, that development there was just beginning, and that it was just as proper to measure Oregon's "white coal" as it was to measure the black coal of Pennsylvania. He insisted that the manufactures of the future would turn more and more to power generated by water under gravity pressure, and said that his state led others in this respect.

DECK AND DOCK NEWS.

The steamer Tiverton was docked at the Tongue Point mills yesterday morning and her loading commenced forthwith.

The oil-tankers Monterey and Fullerton, under tow, arrived in from San Francisco yesterday, and went on to the metropolis at once.

The steamer Undine was not at her dock until 8 o'clock last night. She left up an hour later with the following people on her register: J. B. Taylor, E. A. Warner, Mrs. C. T. Ross, Mrs. J. B. Wendling, Mrs. R. O. Lockwood and W. Potter.

The steamer Despatch arrived in at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, and having no freight for this port went directly on the Portland. She carried a Japanese crew, and some trouble was anticipated here, but nothing happened; her owners had secured police service in the event of any disturbance, but none occurred and she went her way in peace.

Mayor Wise is in receipt of a letter from the flag-officer of Admiral Goodrich's fleet now in Portland, advising him that the fleet of five vessels will be down the river today (Wednesday) evening, and will anchor off the city, and remain here until Thursday evening, when they will depart for the Sound cities. The ships will be open for visitors all of Thursday, and it is said a reception will be tendered the officers of the fleet by the Irving club, which is as it should be.

The big shears were raised on the barkentine Jane L. Stanford, yesterday, for the purpose of unshipping her foremast and this will be done today. She will then be hauled to the Clatsop Mill pier where she will be loaded with lumber aft, so as to raise her bows, and the new foremast will be stepped as soon as possible. After that is done the matter of rigging her anew forward will be undertaken, and her loading with cargo will go on at the same time. There is not a word of news in circulation as to the extent of the injuries received by the steamer J. B. Stetson which was in collision with the Stanford, and which is now in San Pedro harbor.



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NEWS OF OREGON

GOT GOOD PRICES.

COVE, Ore., June 26.—When Otto Ekersley found he would get \$2.50 a crate for his first crop of strawberries, he accordingly paid his crew of pickers 40 cents a crate on the last day's work. Thinner and weeder in the sugar beet fields are making \$1 a day or \$6 an acre. Strawberries pickers get 30 cents, and packers 12 cents a crate.

SALEM CONVICT HIDING.

COVE, Ore., June 26.—A strange man was started up on a run Saturday from a thicket near Mount Fanny mill by some workmen, who pursued him along the railroad track, when he struck out for the timbered mountains. The Sheriff at La Grande was at once notified, and as the matter is kept quiet, the belief is current that he is still at large.

COTTAGE GROVE TERMINUS.

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., June 26.—The Southern Pacific Railroad Company has had a party of surveyors at work for two or three days locating a site for a turntable at this place.

Some time ago the Cottage Grove Commercial Club sent a request to General Manager J. P. O'Brien to have the local train which leaves Portland at 4 o'clock p. m. extended to Cottage Grove. The request was given due consideration and it was found that the business of the station and other advantages of location would make it advisable to locate a turntable here and make this the terminus for the local.

The leaving and arriving time of the train has not yet been given out, but the service will be much more convenient.

PUT LINE THROUGH MARSHALL STREET

Citizens Feel Sure Proposed New Road Will Be Built at Early Date.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., July 26.—The Southern Pacific engineers engaged in the Drain-Coos Bay road are now employed running a preliminary line through Front street at Marshfield, presumably on connect with the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern, now running from this city to Myrtle Point, a distance of 30 miles.

The presence of the engineers has brought reassurance to the bay people and there is no longer any doubt that the proposed road will be constructed, and at an early date. Right of Way Agent McNair is to be working in this field shortly.

BLACKMAIL ATTEMPTED.

SUMPTER, Ore., June 26.—The wife of a prominent business man received a letter recently in which it was stated that the writer had a kodak photo of this lady's daughter—a child not yet in her teens—that would not bear publicity, and unless the lady left the sum of \$250 in an old shack in the suburbs at the south end of town these photos would be sent to every person in the city. The writer promised that if the demand was complied with the plate of the picture would be sent to the lady and she could destroy it. The family to whom the letter was sent immediately laid a trap to catch the writer. The lady took an envelope apparently stuffed with money and left it at the place designated. In the meantime several armed men hid themselves in close proximity and awaited the coming of

the kodak fiend, but no one appeared to claim the envelope. The next day parties went to the shack and found the papers exactly where they had been left.

TO DEDICATE CHURCH.

ARLINGTON, Ore., June 26.—The new Methodist Church, which has just been built at a cost of \$1000 at Locust Grove, a few miles south of Arlington, will be dedicated on Sunday, July 8. The following is the program for the day: 11 o'clock a. m. sermon and dedication, by Bishop Moore; 12:30 basket dinner; 2:30, sermon by Rev. Walton Skipworth, presiding elder of The Dalles district. It is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance.

UNCONSCIOUS THIRTY-SIX HOURS.

LA GRANDE, Ore., June 26.—After lying in an unconscious condition for 36 hours, James Beavers, the young man who was found in Dead Canyon, where he had been injured in some unaccountable manner while horseback riding, awoke this morning and spoke to his nurse. His recovery is still uncertain and weakening of the brain is feared.

WORD AND STEVENS TIED.

PORTLAND, June 26.—For twenty minutes this morning Tom Word was in the lead in the recount for Sheriff Robert L. Stevens falling one behind. By 2 o'clock this afternoon, after several changes, the contestants were tied for the lead, with 33 precincts yet to be counted.

Word and Stevens will long remember Precinct No. 54, since it was revolutionary in the recount and proved more spectacular than all the preceding 53 precincts combined. It was this precinct which gave word the first lead over Stevens he has had since the recount was commenced last week. So exciting was the result that the Word men felt like investing their loose change in fireworks while the Stevens people were inclined to order a complete mourning outfit. The race is too close for comfort and the strain extends not alone to the men involved, but embraces the crowd in Judge Frazer's courtroom.

IRON DYKE MINE SOLD.

BAKER CITY, Ore., June 26.—The famous Iron Dyke copper mine, on the Snake River, in Baker County, has been sold to the Erie Trust Company, of Erie, Pa., for nearly \$1,000,000, under deed of trust and bond. The deeds were filed for record yesterday in Baker County, and comprise nearly 100 pages of brief-printed books, and the cost to the company for filing the deeds was just \$30 each.

The sale was made last month at Erie, Pa., the consideration named is \$300,000 in non-assessable stock of the Iron Dyke Company and \$500,000 in first mortgage bonds, in addition to a cash consideration of \$1.

RELIEVE THE HANNAFORD.

ARLINGTON, Ore., June 26.—The steamer Normal will be brought down from Lewiston, Idaho, this week to take the place of the Hannaford on the upper river, which plies between Celilo and Wallulu. The Normal is a smaller boat than the Hannaford. The latter named steamer will be taken to Celilo and given a general overhauling, and will then be taken to Lewiston and put on the Snake River. These boats are owned by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company and are used to carry freight and men to the various camps on the north bank railroad.

BARNEY POMPELY DEAD.

SALEM, Ore., June 26.—Barney Pompely, for 40 years a resident of Oregon, was found dead this morning of heart failure. He was a well-known horseman. He has a sister living at Eola, Mrs. Mame Hayden. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning. Interment in City View cemetery.

ASSAULT WITNESS.

ILLSBORO, Ore., June 26.—Walter Beard and Albert Mizner of Banks were arrested and brought before the justice of this yesterday. The charge was assault and battery alleged to have been committed upon the person of John Carstens. In a civil action tried here a few days ago Mr. Carstens was one of the witnesses by whom it was attempted to impeach Beard and Mizner.

DIES IN PENDLETON.

PENDLETON, Ore., June 26.—Barney R. X. Crowner died last night at 512 West Webb street, of stomach trouble. The funeral will be held tomorrow under the auspices of the Woodmen of the World. He was a native of Missouri and has been a resident of Umatilla county for 20 years. For 16 years he lived at Meacham and was well known all over Eastern Oregon.

ANNUAL RECITAL AT U. OF O.

EUGENE, June 26.—The university school of music gave its annual recital this evening in Villard Hall before a packed house. The program was short, but was excellent for its quality. Professor O. M. Glenn, Arthur Frazer and Miss Eve Stinson, of the University of Oregon, and J. W. Belcher, of Portland, contributed largely to its success.

MINISTERS IN SESSION.

TURNER, Ore., June 26.—Today's sessions of the Oregon Christian Ministers' association opened this morning with an address by Rev. E. C. Wigmore on "Messianic Prophecy and Prophecy," at the conclusions of which reports of committees were heard and general business was transacted.

This afternoon's session opened with conference and normal work, after which praise service was conducted by Professor E. E. Washburn of Silverton.

HEARING RESUMED.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 26.—Hearing of the habeas corpus proceedings of Edward Spencer against Warden Kee was resumed in the Superior Court this morning. The state finished its case this morning, but failed to introduce any evidence showing that false representations were made to the Governor regarding Spencer's physical condition.

BEGIN ACTUAL WORK.

Oregon Trunk Line Railroad Commences Construction Work.

THE DALLES, Ore., June 26.—Actual construction work on the Oregon Trunk Line Railroad was begun this week, when a force of 30 men and 12 teams was put to work at the mouth of Deschutes River grading. The force will be increased gradually, the company having planned to complete the road from the mouth of Deschutes to Madras in two years. The present survey that has been completed reaches from the Columbia to Madras, a distance of 106 miles, following up the Deschutes River the greater portion of the way, and is comparatively a water-level grade. Chief Engineer Gordon says that grade is but little greater than that of the north bank road from Vancouver to Kenewick, and also that the curves are not nearly so severe as would be expected, since the Deschutes River is a very crooked stream.

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